



Community Christian Church Lincolnshire, Illinois

March 2011 Newsletter

Discipleship Class for Confirmation and Baptism

During Lent, Nelson will be leading a Discipleship class exploring dimensions of the life of faith including the meanings of Scripture, Baptism, Discipleship, and membership in the Church. The class will culminate with a baptismal service tentatively scheduled for Palm Sunday, April 17. Those in the 6th grade and older are invited to participate.

Dates: Tuesdays, March 1 - April 12
Time: 5:15-6:15 pm
Location: Church Office
More Info: Contact Nelson

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CCC Youth Group Invites You to SPAGINGO! (Spaghetti Dinner & Bingo Night)

Bring the entire family for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, food and Bingo!
Freewill donations will be collected to raise money for the mission trip to Indianapolis, Indiana.
Come and enjoy a luncheon catered by CCC's youth!

When: Sunday, March 20
Time: Lunch will be served at 11:30am followed by Bingo
Who: The whole family
Where: CCC Friendship Hall



BINGO



**REVIVE! &
ALIVE!**

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SAVE THESE DATES

April 9, 2011
Birthday Dinner

July 10-15
CCC Mission Trip

October 1, 2011
CCC Garage Sale

Nelson's Notes

Lent approaches. Lent is the most important time of the year to nurture our inner life. It is the time in which we not only prepare ourselves to celebrate the mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus, but also the death and resurrection that constantly takes place within us. Life is a continuing process of the death of the old and the familiar, and being reborn again into a new hope, a new trust, and a new love. *Henri Nouwen*

The word Lent comes from the German word Lentz which means springtime, a time of preparation for the proper observance of the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. Lent calls each of us to new awakenings of spiritual matters which we have tendency to put off...so much to do, pursue and enjoy. The world is ever with us, but true joy and confidence has never been grounded in the illusions of success, money and possessions. Good as they may be, Lent brings strong reminders that secure life is anchored in the living Christ and his eternal love. Christ leads us toward forgiveness of ourselves and others. He brings healing to our hearts. Lent, taken seriously, is springtime for the human soul.

I invite each of you to take a Lenten walk with Jesus, who teaches us-
 ...that he can walk through the locked doors of our fears and bring us peace,
 ...to verbalize the love we feel and to tell those we love that we love them,
 ...to break the bread of our lives for others so that they may be nourished,
 ...what it means to be reconciled and at one with ourselves and with others,
 ...that if we listen to his Word, he and the Father will be at home in us,
 ...to believe that through the power of faith and prayer, we can feel and trust in his presence.

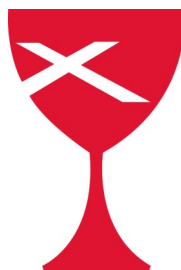
It is Christ who saves us. Walk with him and you will walk into eternity, for in Christ absolutely nothing can separate us from the love of God...nothing. Nothing!

*"Kings and kingdoms pass away,
 Nothing on earth endures.
 But the love of God who
 Sent his son is forever
 And ever yours"* *Helen Rice*

Amen.

~ Nelson

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Upcoming Events

- 3/1 Discipleship Class Begins
- 3/5 Men's Breakfast, 8am
- 3/9 Soup Kitchen, 4-7:30pm
- 3/12 Women's Coffee Break, 8am
- 3/20 Spagingo!

Youth Activities are listed on page 5

Ongoing Events

Worship Services - Sundays, 8 & 10am
 Café 920 - Sundays, 9:20am
 Youth Group Meetings - Sundays, 11:30am-1pm
 Prayer Group - Tuesdays, 9am
 Soup Kitchen - 2nd Wednesday, 4pm
 Choir Practice - Wednesdays, 7pm
 Men's Breakfast - 1st Saturday, 8am
 Women's Coffee Break - 2nd Saturday, 8am



Please save the date for the 2011 CCC Women's Retreat. This event will be Friday, May 13th – Saturday, May 14th. There will be an option to stay overnight if you would like. More information will be coming soon. Susan Short is looking for a planning partner

for this fun and meaningful event. If you are interested, please contact the church office.

Relax ♥ Rejuvenate ♥ Recaffeinate

Please come join the women of CCC Saturday, March 12th at 8am. We meet at Einstein Brothers Bagels on Milwaukee Road to relax, talk, laugh, and get to know each other a little better. All you have to do is show up. We are usually there until at least 9:30. Come when you can and leave when you need to. There is no agenda or schedule. We are a free-flowing group and we'd love to see you there!



2011 Birthday Dinner and Auction

Just 5 weeks until the big event, April 9! Here's an update from your committee:

The Dinner: The menu and schedule of events is set, and invitations go out next week. You are welcome to invite guests and reserve a table. The dinner will be \$36 per person. A cash bar will be available throughout the evening.

Auction Donations: Via e-mail, the congregation has been sent postings of donations from the congregation and local area businesses. Postings are also listed on the bulletin board above the water fountain in Friendship Hall. As new items arrive, postings will be updated.

Raffle: The first prize for the raffle is a Kindle e-reader. The popularity of this item has brought the price down and the availability of electronic books up. The next 11 prizes will be the table centerpieces, baskets of potted flowers designed with Spring and Easter in mind. Raffle tickets may purchased before the event, or at the dinner. They are 3 for \$10, or 8 for \$20. You do not have to be present to win the first prize, but the centerpieces are reserved for attendees, and limited to one winner per family. The odds are good that you will take home a prize!

Mystery Bags: There will be 20 Mystery Bags available for \$20 each. The bag will contain a variety of things worth at least \$21. A mystery bag or two will have extra special value.

Only one request . . . if you have a spare basket suitable for an arrangement of goodies, we could use it! Just bring it to the church office.

Save These Dates! April 30 and May 7

David will be remodeling the church playground as his Eagle Scout project. More details and exact times are still to come, but write these dates on your calendar and come to support David and assist with his wonderful project.

Easter Egg Hunt and Carnival Saturday, April 16 - 2 - 4 pm

We are fast approaching the Easter Egg Hunt and we need everyone's help to prepare. Right now, we need you to please bring Easter candy that we can use to stuff the eggs. The candy should be individually wrapped and small enough to fit inside a plastic egg. The youth of CCC will be stuffing the eggs, but there are more ways you can help. Please volunteer your time and donate items from our wish list. And as always, if you can't do the shopping yourself or don't know what we're looking for, you can make a monetary donation, specify "Easter Egg Hunt" and we'll shop for you. So look at the list and see how you can help. If you have questions contact the church office for more information.

Donations Needed:

- ◆ Candy - individually wrapped that fit into a plastic egg
- ◆ 3-4 raffle baskets w/toys, stuffed animals and candy
- ◆ Bigger raffle item (like an iPod - the new Nano is SO COOL)
- ◆ Monetary donations
- ◆ Small toys
- ◆ Streamers (pastel Easter colors)

Manpower Needed:

To set up, beginning 1pm

To work the event from 2 - 4pm

To help clean up after the event at 4pm

Lenten Dates to Remember

- 3/1 Discipleship Class Begins, 5:15-6:15pm
Continues every Tuesday through Lent
- 3/9 Lent Begins
- 4/16 Easter Egg Hunt, 2-4pm
- 4/17 Palm Sunday & Discipleship Sunday
Confirmation & Baptism Services
- 4/21 Maundy Thursday, 7:30pm
- 4/22 Good Friday
Sanctuary open from 9am - 5pm
- 4/23 Easter, Worship Services at 8 & 10am
Breakfast at 9am

CCC Youth Page

CCC Youth Mission:

**"To gather as friends in a fun, safe environment
to share stories and learn how to center our lives on Christ."**

ALIVE!

5th THROUGH 8th GRADERS

REVIVE!

9th through 12th Graders



What will YOU share?

The church Birthday Dinner and Auction is on April 9
and you can help make it a success!

Can you donate a service to auction? Here are some ideas:

**Home Baked Goodies ♦ Dog Sitting ♦ Housework ♦ Babysitting
Yardwork ♦ Computer Work ♦ Artwork**

Get creative - your offering can make LOTS of money for the church!

Make sure you come to help prepare for Spagingo on March 19

Also please come to serve at Spagingo on March 20!!

March Schedule

All events from 11:30am-12:30pm

3/6	Revive/Alive	Gather2Grow
3/11-12	Both	Lock-in
3/13	Both	Sports Shed Field Trip
3/19	Both	Spagingo Prep, 9am-12pm
3/20	Both	Spagingo!
3/27	Revive/Alive	Gather2Grow

Alive & Revive Lock-in:

Grog, sardines, food, fun and fellowship
- what else can we say about a Lock-in?
Arrive at 5pm Fri...leave at 9am Sat.

Sports Shed:

We'll go to Vernon
Hills to help sort
sporting equipment.

Spagingo: This fun luncheon on Sunday after church will not only feed your church family, we'll play bingo with them while raising much-needed funds for the Mission Trip. Saturday, we need you to come and help chop vegetables, slice bread and get ready for the feast - come for an hour, or all four!

***JUST 3 spaces left for the Mission
Trip contact the church office ASAP***

Contact Us

CCC is proud to let you know that there are many ways we can communicate with you: CCC Website, Newsletter, Sunday Flyers, Facebook, Weekly emails and text messages. The next step is all yours - check your email, reply to your texts, comment on the Facebook page, check out the website or just pick up a phone - old fashioned like!

CCC Phone: 847.945.8824

CCC Website: CCCLincolnshire.org

CCC Email: CCCLincolnshire@comcast.net

Facebook: [Facebook.com/CCCLincolnshire](https://www.facebook.com/CCCLincolnshire)

Text to Judy Mankus: 847.372.2600

Sunday School Workshop Rotation for 2011

Test of Faith

Throughout the scriptures people faced many challenges to their faith. From Adam and Eve to you and me, there are times when we do well and live in ways that are pleasing to God. At other times we find ourselves in need of God's grace because we have missed the mark. Through the stories of faith we learn that God's grace is always extended to us.

March – Doubting Thomas
April – Pentecost
May – Jonah



Children Need Your Help

Shelter, Inc., a nonprofit, licensed and accredited child welfare agency serving the Northwest Suburbs since 1975, is seeking foster families to open their hearts and homes to children of all ages and ethnic backgrounds who need the support of concerned and caring families.

Please call 847 590-6190, ext. 35 for more information.

CCC Supports Souper Bowl



Thank you so much for your generous donations for the Souper Bowl of Caring! This year we raised almost \$600 for the Soup Kitchen in Waukegan. Please keep bringing non-perishable food items to benefit those in need in Vernon Township. Thanks again!

CCC's 2010 Directory

2011 Directory



*Community
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Church*

Now available are 2011 directories. We are calling this directory an "interim" directory because these directories will be obsolete when the new church leaders assume office on July 1. Our future directory publish date will coincide with the church calendar year (June 30 –July 1). The church office urges you to keep CCC informed when any family information changes. New family photos are welcome at any time. Send a digital photo that you would like to be used in the next directory or call Ginny Grace 847 482-1019 and she will bring her camera to church and snap a new one for you.

General Board News

A Letter from the General Board Chair

Greetings!

Over the past months, we have been asked to pray for our church and our Pastor Search Committee. Praying for their strength, patience and discernment as well as asking God for a loving, committed Christian minister. The committee has been working long hours and we are hopeful that we may have a need to be calling a congregational meeting in the coming months, if not sooner.

On this note and until then, I want to encourage all who can to attend any scheduled congregational meetings, as votes may only be counted by those in attendance due to our constitutional laws. We want to ensure that everyone has a chance to be a part of our church's decision-making process and be included. We do not have the option for mail-in/write-in ballots. Every member is an integral part of our church and we want to have as many members present to be heard and counted.

There are so many wonderful things happening at CCC lately and in the coming months that I would continue to encourage all members to check the activities in this newsletter, the weekly word, the CCC website and on the bulletin boards in our Friendship Hall and try to participate in at least one (or more) activity during the coming month. Were you aware we also have a Facebook group?

Blessings,
Audrey

From the Nominating Committee

Dear CCC Family,

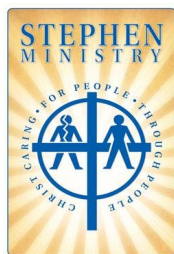
The 2011 Nominating Committee met this week and as the chair of that group I wanted to provide you with a quick update. At the congregational meeting in June, the Nominating Committee will be presenting a slate of candidates to fill leadership in our church. Over the next few weeks, you may be contacted by a member of the committee (listed below) to discuss your interest in serving our church. We have so many opportunities for you to share your time and talent with the congregation and community. As you think about your ability to commit to a role on the Ministries Council, Elders, Trustees, or one of the many other roles, I hope you will find the capacity to give to our church. We need talented, dedicated members to help set the direction and build on the foundation of those before us.

On behalf of the committee, your prayerful consideration of our request is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, or would like to be considered for a position, please contact any member of the nominating committee.

Our next meeting is March 10 at 6pm where we will be reviewing the preliminary list of candidates for open roles.

Regards,
Juliann





Elder Abuse Doesn't Always Mean Bruises

Some of our Stephen Ministers attended a session on Elder Abuse. Most of the victims are abused by family members who isolate the person from others and thus have control.

ANYONE, friend or neighbor, can report suspected abuse COMPLETELY ANONYMOUSLY by calling 847-546-5733. The call will be followed up by a caseworker in a timely manner. Let's all be aware of those who might need help. Also be aware that the Stephen Ministry Team has a long list of resources in our community: they may be able suggest an "outside" source. As with all Stephen Ministry work, everything is completely confidential.

Should you find yourself in need of help in an area foreign to you, please call the church office for assistance.

Something You Should Know About Jim

Over the years, Jim has saved the CCC hundreds of dollars! Jim finds bargains and freebies all the time. Recently, Jim found us a laminating machine for less than \$30. If you have a small laminating project, come during office hours and put a dollar in the "pot" for laminating supplies. Thank you Jim for all you do for CCC!

Be a Blessing and Be Blessed Be a Hospice Volunteer

The Lexington Hospice Volunteer Program is looking for members of a neighboring congregation, to visit patients at the Wheeling Lexington Health Care Center, to support MERIT Hospice's ongoing activities there.

As few as 2-3 volunteers from our congregation can make a huge difference in the lives of the 10-15 residents on hospice services there.

Many volunteers have had a positive hospice experience and may want to give back. Karen states, "After 13 years of hospice volunteering, the best part of my job is giving others the opportunity to experience the great feeling of helping others."

You may contact Karen directly at 630-748-3716. She will be happy to work to ensure that our neighbors are visited regularly.

Grief Support Groups

NorthShore Hospice sponsors the following groups that meet regularly and are open to the public at no charge:

Spouse

Soul Mates is an ongoing support group for those who have experienced the death of a spouse or life partner. This group meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 6:30 to 8pm.

Adult Loss of Parent

Legacy is an ongoing support group for adults who have experienced the death of a parent. The group meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month from 6:30 to 8pm.

All groups are held at NorthShore Hospice office, 4901 Searle Parkway in Skokie. For more information or to pre-register, please call Thom Dennis, Bereavement Services Coordinator, at 847 982-4364 or email at TDennis@northshore.org.

Coincidence
is when God
chooses to remain
anonymous.



Lenten Devotionals

During the season of Lent, you can receive devotionals in your email inbox every morning. To receive the Lenten devotionals - written by the staff of general ministries that receive support from the Easter Special Offering for our denomination - go to:

<http://www.disciplesmissionfund.org/SpecialDayOfferings/EasterSpecialDayOffering/tabid/479/Default.aspx>

Printed devotionals will be available here at church: one for families and one for adults. They will be available beginning February 20.

Long Term Prayer List

When a name is put on the long term prayer list, it will remain there for six months. At the end of that time period, it will be removed. If you feel a name needs to stay on the list beyond six months, simply resubmit the name when it is removed and it will gladly be added.

Adam
Andrea
Andrew
Ann
Ann, Jim & family
Aunt Helen
Barb
Bill
Brent
Brian
Brian & family
Coco
Connie
Darryl
George
Harold
Jeff's family
Karen
Kay
Kyle
Larry
Lesli & Bunny
McKenna
Nan & John
National & World Leaders
Our Pastoral Search Committee
Our Stephen Ministry
Our Troops
Peggy & Sean
Rita
Roger
Uncle Jack



Short Term Prayer List

Names added to the short term prayer list will appear for three consecutive weeks, after which, if there is need to continue, they will be moved to the long term prayer list.

Bud
Danielle
Elaine
Hale
Kenlay
Mary
Peg
Sophie
Stephanie



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 ■ 9a Prayer Group ■ 5:15p Discipleship Class ■ 7:30p Troop 78	2 ■ 7p Choir Practice	3	4 ■ No School	5 ■ 8a Men's Breakfast
■ 8a Worship ■ 10a Worship ■ 11a Gather2Grow	6 ■ No School ■ 7p Troop 78	7 Mardi Gras ■ 9a Prayer Group ■ 5:15p Discipleship Class ■ 7:30p Troop 78	8 ■ Ash Wednesday - Lent Begins ■ 4p Soup Kitchen ■ 7p Choir Practice	9 ■ 6p Lock-in	10 ■ 6p Lock-in	11 ■ 8a Women's Coffee Break ■ 9a Lock-in Pick-up
■ 8a Worship ■ 10a Worship ■ 11a Sports Shed	13 ■ 7p Troop 78	14 ■ 9a Prayer Group ■ 5:15p Discipleship Class	15 ■ 7p Choir Practice	16 St. Patrick's Day	17 ■ DW No School	18 ■ 9a Spagingo Prep
■ 8a Worship ■ 10a Worship ■ 11:30a Spagingo!	20 ■ 7p Troop 78	21 ■ 9a Prayer Group ■ 5:15p Discipleship Class	22 ■ 7p Choir Practice	23 ■ 7p Choir Practice	24 ■ 7p Choir Practice	25 ■ 7p Choir Practice
■ 8a Worship ■ 10a Worship ■ 11a Gather2Grow	27 ■ Spring Break ■ 7p Troop 78	28 ■ Spring Break ■ 9a Prayer Group	29 ■ Spring Break ■ 7p Choir Practice	30 ■ Spring Break ■ 7p Choir Practice	31 ■ Spring Break	